FIERCE LOVE Luke 15:1-7

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- **1. 15:1** Jesus was routinely found talking with those who were rejected and scorned by the religious people of His day.
- 2. **15:1** What drew them was not the self-righteous scorn with which the Pharisees often battered them, but a tender truth, spoken in love.
- **3. 15:2** To eat with someone in that culture showed full fellowship.
- 4. **15:2** Jesus was not hanging out with them to engage in their sin; he was offering the Kingdom to those who were lost.
- 5. **15:4** The shepherd never expected the lost sheep to come in on its own. He had to pursue it.
- 6. **15:4** The shepherd was driven by more than mere financial interest; his compassion is evident.
- 7. **15:4** God seeks us because we are destitute without even knowing it (Luke 19).
- 8. **15:7** The occupants of Heaven know better than we do what we are saved from. Angels are spectators of salvation (Hebrews 1:14).
- 9. **15:7** Angels were built for God's glory. That they celebrate over the redeemed is important evidence of how much glory our salvation brings to Jesus.

- **10**. **15:7** The "righteous" refers to those who have no gross, visible sins. There are none who are truly righteous (Romans 3:23). Everyone needs repentance.
- **11. 15:5-7** Jesus does not chastise us when he rescues us. He ultimately brings us home and celebrates!

GREEK WORDS

Engizō (eng-id'-zo)—approach, be at hand, come (draw) near, be (come, draw) nigh

Gongyzō (gong-good'-zo)—to grumble :- murmur, muttering

Apollymi (ap-ol'-loo-mee)—to destroy fully :- die, lose, perish

Poreuomai (por-yoo'-om-ahee)—to *traverse*, *travel* - depart, go (make a) journey

Chara (khar-ah')—cheerfulness, - gladness, × greatly, (× be exceeding) joy (-ful)

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